In this report I have again economized in paper and in expense, the production being entirely the work of the Public Health Staff.

Your obedient servant,

T.R. THOMSON

Medical Officer of Health

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the estimated resident
population 10.4 ~~9.47~~ 8.42
Corrected death rate 11.5
Death rate for England and
Wales 14.3 12.9

Deaths from puerperal causes -

		Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births
Puerperal sepsis	Nil Nil	Nil Nil
Other puerperal causes	2 Nil	8 Nil
Total	2 Nil	8

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :-

All infants per 1,000 live births ..	33	31.53
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	30	33.17
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.	333 x	Nil

x Three illegitimate births of which one died

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Research Association.

(b) Ambulance facilities

The ambulance of the Enfield, Edmonton and Potters Bar Isolation Hospital is available when required in the case of infectious disease.

The Barnet Ambulance, by agreement with the Barnet Urban District Council, is used for the removal of accident cases and non-infectious patients in this district. Civil Defence vehicles are not permitted to be used for this work unless the leave of Group Ambulance Officer is obtained.

Civil Defence

(c) Nursing in the Home

Nurses Denison, ~~Hartshorn~~ WORLEY and Street (Queen's District Nurses) of 255, Mutton Lane, are registered as practising nurses and midwives.

been carried out in order to utilise the land so far as so avoid extensions to the permanent works. Certain replacements of worn parts have been necessary at the South Mimms Works and these are now operating satisfactorily.

The Pumping Station at Oakmere Avenue continues to work satisfactorily and has not required any special maintenance.

At the South Mimms Pumping Station it has become necessary to replace the existing oil engines and it is likely that electrically operated pumping plant will be installed.

The sewerage system has given rise to no special anxiety during the year and it seems that the flooding problems have been overcome.

It was inspected in December.

SHELTERS

All public air raid shelters have been periodically inspected. The following report was made to the Public Health Committee of your Council :-

greatly used - 18 in lower trench).

(1) (Upper) Fairly good - no serious leaks or undue presence of water on floor.

(2) (Lower) Surface water drain appears to have been used for sanitary purposes. Fairly satisfactory - roof leaks a little,

Oakmere (2 Underground Shelters made of interlocking precast concrete slabs (each with capacity of 50 persons) drained by pipe line laid to ground of a lower level.

(1) (Near main road) Fairly dry - some water on floor. Ventilation - nil. Stinks.

(2) Walls and Floor damp. No toilet paper. Ventilation - nil. Stinks.

Two good type but County Workmen now arranging for better outfall; will be good.

SURFACE SHELTERS (Communal) Brick built with concreted precast concrete slab roof.

Cotton Road (1) Dry. Asphalted floor.

" " (2) Dry. - does not appear to be much used.

Barnet Road Wet, owing to entry of surface water.

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remains the same. The necessity for billeting persons within the area has caused an increase in the number of houses overcrowded but no action to avoid this unfortunate necessity has been deemed necessary or practicable.

At one period during 1940 the number of British subjects billeted in the district was approximately 1,000, and at the same time 200 Belgian refugees were accommodated in various private houses throughout the district. The Local Authority endeavoured, as far as possible, to meet the demands for billeting by provision of requisitioned houses, but it was found impossible to provide for more than a small proportion in this manner. Health conditions amongst the influx of population were generally satisfactory and it has not been found that there has been a serious increase in health problems by reason of their coming.

A complaint was received that a cowshed was being used as a

this Order were inspected.

During the year a certain amount of food was damaged by powdered glass due to enemy action and all food suspected of containing such contamination was condemned as unfit for human food and was salvaged through the Ministry of Food. No food that is unfit for human consumption is wasted, and the Ministry of Food has a salvage scheme whereby food of all types is either "re-refined" or used for commercial purposes.

Various cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever occurred in this excellent Institution. The patients came from all parts but the expense of pathological tests falls on your Council. I feel that there is no just reason for grievance at this. Several visits of inspection have been made and no cause for complaint has been found.

DISINFECTIONS

During the year 35 houses were disinfected after cases of infectious disease and arrangements were made, where necessary, for bedding to be collected steam-disinfected and returned. A notification was sent to all Estate Agents in the district calling their attention to Sections 157 and 158 of the Public Health Act 1936, which requires that no house in which a case of infectious disease has occurred shall be let without being first disinfected.

	Under 1 yea
Scarlet Fever	-
Diphtheria	1
Pneumonia	-
Erysipelas	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Whooping cough	1
Measles	1
Puerperal pyrexia	-
Cerebro-spinal fever	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	1
TOTALS	4

Age Periods.	Res M.
0 - 1	-
1 - 5	-
5 - 15	-
15 - 25	-
25 - 35	1
35 - 45	-
45 - 55	1
55 - 65	1
65 Upwards	-
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Total on register at commencement of year

At end of year

All houses in the village of South Mimms and the western end of Potters Bar were visited several times during the first few months as a further arrival of nurses for the Clare Hall Emergency Hospital was constantly expected.

During June and July a survey of part of the district was made with a view to the housing of 1,600 persons under a special Evacuation Scheme. The scheme was never put into force but arrangements had to be completed so that it could be put into operation immediately.

In the Autumn accommodation had to be found for a large number of persons arising from the dispersal of the population of London and the needs of those who were bombed out - both from the City of London and other parts of the country, and for a small number of persons rendered homeless in the district by reason of enemy action.

In addition to large scale inspections of the district with

As Contaminated Food Officer

The Sanitary Inspector, under the supervision of the Medical Officer of Health, was made responsible for the inspection of food contaminated by broken or powdered glass caused by enemy action, and after each incident all food shops were inspected in order to ascertain the degree of damage suffered by different foods therein.

In addition the problem of gas contaminated food was examined and a circular was sent to all food retailers calling their attention to certain simple precautions that should be taken for the prevention of contamination of food by gas.

Despite the multiplicity of duties performed by the Sanitary Inspector the work of the Department was not in any way neglected, other than in the matter of routine inspections, and all complaints or nuisances received immediate attention.